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Grenadian Creole English

Grenadian Creole English is a Creole language spoken in Grenada. It is a member of the Southern branch of English-based Eastern Atlantic Creoles, along with Antiguan Creole (Antigua and Barbuda), Bajan Creole (Barbados), Guyanese Creole (Guyana), Tobagonian Creole, Trinidadian Creole (Trinidad and Tobago), Vincentian Creole (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), and Virgin Islands Creole (Virgin Islands).[3] It is the common vernacular and the native language of nearly all inhabitants of Grenada, or approximately 89,000 native speakers in 2001.[4]

Grenadian Creole English	
patois	
Native to	Grenada
Native speakers	89,000 (2001)[1]
Language family	English Creole ▪ Atlantic ▪ Eastern ▪ Southern ▪ **Grenadian Creole English**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`gcl`
Glottolog	`gren1247 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/gren1247)`[2]
Linguasphere	`52-ABB-as`

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History

The British Empire took control of Grenada from France in the 18th century, and ruled until its independence in 1974.[5] Despite the long history of British rule, Grenada's French heritage is still evidenced by the number of French loanwords in Grenadian Creole English, as well as by the lingering existence of Grenadian Creole French in the country.[6] The francophone character of Grenada was uninterrupted for more than a century before British rule. This ensured that language in Grenada could never be seen unless in that light.

The Grenada Creole Society, founded in 2009, implemented the mission to research and document the language in Grenada. The initial findings were published in 2012 in the publication *Double Voicing and Multiplex Identities* ed. Nicholas Faraclas et al.

See also

- Bermudian English
- Jamaican Patois

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